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## Fuel Oil Must Last Longer

Period two fuel oil coupons which became valid next Monday, December 18, will be worth ten gallons a unit—the same gallonage value that has prevailed for the first period, Prescott H. Vose, Director of the Maine OPA, and Colonel Frank Southard, State Fuel Administrator, declared in a joint announcement.

"We are particularly concerned about the fuel oil supply for the next four or five months and the value of later coupons," the Federal and State officials declared. "Although present stocks may be gratifying, they have not to last a long time and we are not too optimistic about prospects for the future."

"The increased tempo and unexpected duration of the war in Europe and new transportation problems involving the removal of tank cars from the East Coast have caused us to view the fuel oil supply situation during the early months of 1945 with considerable caution," Vose and Southard stated.

They gave figures to show that during the present season reconstructions to oil under OPA and PAW regulations had taken a total of 2,242,000 gallons of fuel oil in Maine.

"It is clear that a drain of over two million gallons on our fuel oil supply above the demands of last season plus increased transportation and military supply problems make the outlook for stock replenishment in the coming months far from good, the pair declared."

They urged householders to practice every means of fuel oil conservation in order to save dwindling supplies. Particularly, they suggested that consumers keep thermostats at reasonably low figures, continue to keep closed off as many rooms as possible, attach storm windows, and use all the other usual methods of heat saving.

Vose and Southard gave fuel oil index figures, prepared in conjunction with the weather bureau, to show that Maine fuel oil users at the present time should not have consumed more than 25 percent of their ration. By areas, the index figures are Portland 25 percent; Eastport, 22 percent; Greenville, 25 percent.

## BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Elwood Ireland is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Ray Dexter spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rumford.

Philip W. Days was taken Thursday to the Veterans Hospital at Togus.

Mrs. Alma LaFayette of Hebron was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis.

Pvt. and Mrs. Avery Angvine are spending several days visiting relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Eugene Van, Mrs. Sidney Chapman and Mrs. E. O. Donahue were in Lewiston Monday.

Corp. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Portland spent the week end with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall.

Misses Alice Pierce, Barbara Coolidge and Marilyn Marshall, student nurses at C. M. G. Hospital, spent the week end at their homes.

Mrs. Kathryn Hamlin went to Norfolk, Va., Friday to spend four months with her husband, Charles O. Hamlin QM2c, who is attending Quartermaster's School.

Slight damage resulted from a blaze caused by an overheated pipe in the basement of H. N. Dragdon's Wednesday evening. The fire department was called but on their arrival the fire was nearly extinguished.

Seventeen members and four visitors attended the postponed supper and meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce at the Legion Rooms Wednesday evening.

There was a discussion of development of fair grounds and air field facilities. John Compass gave an interesting explanation of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Committees for the January meeting are: supper, H. I. Dean and Robert Blake; tickets, Charles Merrill and Leroy Brown.

Pupils having perfect attendance at the Primary School the past six weeks are: Grade one, Stuart Blake, Mary Ford, Judith Freeman, Walter Kittredge, Rachel Kneeland, and Barbara Reynolds; Grade two, Mary Jane Chapman, Howard Donahue and Barbara Jodrey; Not tardy, Mary Belle Bennett, Kenneth Bumpus, Lee Carroll, Edward Carter, Mary Jane Chapman, Elaine Clifford, William Coolidge, Howard Donahue, Ruth Hall, Julia Martilla, Delbert McAllister, Louise Saunders, Suzanne Wight, Malvern Wilson and Arlene Winslow; grade three, Joan Connor, Mary Susan Culler, Edward Day, Mary Ann Myers, and Richard Onofrio; grade four, Kenneth Dolano, Susan Kneeland, Marie Mills, William Penner, Corlee Wernenchuk, Barry York and Beverly Onofrio.

## WEST PARIS DOCTORS HONORED AT RECEPTION

A community reception for Dr. A. L. Rauchwerger and his wife, Dr. Helene Rauchwerger, was held at the West Paris High School gymnasium Wednesday evening. LeRoy W. Dymont served as master of ceremonies; prayer, Rev. Jowett; address of welcome, Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes; solo, William Flavin, accompanied by Miss Ruth McKen; selections by the male quartet, Reynold Chase, Clayton Churchill, William Flavin and William Edmunds; remarks in the Finnish language, Rev. Felix Mayblom; clarinet solo, Sherman Cole accompanied by Mrs. Helen Shaw; reading, Mrs. Esther Anderson and solos, Mrs. Miriam Mayblom, accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Parker. Mr. Dymont presented a gift to Dr. Kay in behalf of the community and Dr. Kay responded. Presentation of gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Rauchwerger was made by Reynold Chase, for which both expressed appreciation.

Honored guests in the receiving line were Alton Black, principal of West Paris High School, and his wife, Mrs. Anna Black, and Miss Stephanie Noyes, a new member of the high school faculty.

Congratulations were presented to Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Rauchwerger, Mrs. Black and Miss Noyes.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

The return from the sale of Christmas Health Seals, up to date has been very gratifying. If, however, you have not received your allotment, please call the chairman, Mrs. C. F. Saunders. If each will buy even a few it will greatly aid this fight against Tuberculosis.

## Pvt. Avery Angvine of Camp Swift, S. C., came Friday for a 12 day furlough with his family.

Harold Anderson S. 2c and his brother Charles E. Anderson, R. T. 1-c, met recently for a very short while at Honolulu.

Li H. E. Lawrence is stationed at the Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, L. I. The Lawrence's home address is now R. F. D. 2, Brookside Ave., No. Babylon, L. I., N. Y.

Corp. Gardner Smith is now stationed at the Komar Station in Chicago, California.

Corp. Nathaniel E. Burns, son of Mrs. M. M. Newton, of Bethel, is a machinist in a service squadron attached to the AAF's oldest fighter group, which has been awarded a Presidential Citation and two War Department Citations.

T-5 Donald S. Brown arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, Saturday night for a 21 day furlough after serving in the South Pacific area the past 20 months.

Pvt. Ernest Angvine of Fort Meade, Md., spent the week end at his home here.

Glendon McAllister of Gilead has completed a month of indoctrination at Fort Schuyler, N. Y. and was sworn in as a midshipman December 5. His address is M-Ship, Glendon McAllister, Billet 4215, U. S. N. R. M. S., Fort Schuyler, New York 61 N. Y.

Ellen Peabody SK 2c has been spending a short leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody, returning Wednesday to Washington, D. C., where she is stationed. Corp. John Peabody of Brooklyn, N. Y. who has also been spending a furlough here returned Tuesday.

Li Allan Stephen Chase who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chase of Bryant Pond has gone to Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida.

Francis W. Mills, S. 1-c (G. M.) Anti Air Craft Training Center, Pacific Beach, California is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onell Mills of Bryant Pond. His wife and daughter, Eva Mae accompanied him here from Massachusetts. After his leave S. 1-c Mills will report for duty at the Amphibian Training Center, Camp Bradford, Va.

Cpl. Guyson Davis and Cpl. Carlton Gammon have both received their army discharges and returned to their homes at South Woodstock.

Pvt. Newell L. Young, who has been spending a 30 day furlough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davis, South Woodstock, has returned to Fort Devens for expected further overseas service, having already spent 33 months in the Pacific war area.

Corp. Roy F. Perham Jr. from Hampton Beach, Long Island, New York has been spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Perham of West Paris.

Li Ruth Stearns, A. N. C., from Fort Williams spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stearns of West Paris.

The Derwood Buck from Seymour, Indiana, is spending a furlough until after Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Buck and grandmother, Mrs. Winnie Ridon of West Paris.

## To the People of this Community

The best way to observe the death of Hitler is to buy an extra War Bond. In thousands upon thousands of American homes today there is pride and sadness. From these homes have come fighting men who died to bring us this far on the road to decisive victory over all our enemies. It will take more sweat, more tears, more toil, more and greater individual War Bond buying before we see Japan in the ruins these barbarians of the Pacific planned for us. How much more blood and tears depends on every individual American war worker and bond buyer.

The Sixth War Loan symbol—a bomb hurtling down on the Rising Sun—can only come to reality with your individual help. Buy at least an extra \$100 War Bond above your normal payroll savings. That's the least you can do to back up your fighting men.

THE EDITOR.

## More Individual Sales Needed

You read in the papers that the 6th War Bond Drive is over the top nationally, but only as far as the corporations, institutions, and savings banks are concerned. These institutions have put the drive over on a whole in some places, but regions have not gone over the top. Individuals are far behind in buying. In Oxford County they have done some better because they should have about \$779,000 and have sold almost half of this or \$383,000, to individuals in Oxford County. Let's really get behind this 6th War Loan and give it the biggest boost we have ever given a drive and in doing so we are helping ourselves. Let's not buy these bonds to cash in, let's buy them to keep to provide a cushion for a rainy day. People who want security, take advantage of opportunity such as many are doing now and save systematically. That is the only way you can save security.

South Paris, Norway, and Rumford have done a fine job—Bethel and Lovell are well over the top. They are to be congratulated because they have made their individual quotas. Dixfield, Fryeburg and Buckfield have been really doing a great job. In fact it looks as though Oxford County will make its quota and go over, if everybody realizes that it is his job this time and that they must all go ahead and do the job.

All remember that it is not late to send a V-Mail Christmas of a War Bond to anyone in the Armed services.

This war is far from over. Let's start winning it again and our way is by buying bonds. Encourage our people to all get together, stop all bickering and really work 100% together.

## OXFORD COUNTY AGENT TO HOLD INCOME TAX MEETINGS FOR FARMERS

There will be nineteen income tax meetings for farmers held by H. A. Leonard, Oxford County Agent. At these meetings there changes in the 1944 income tax law as they affect farmers will be explained. Also, the new time for filing an estimate and final return for farmers. Practically everyone will have to file an income tax return this year as the exemptions are \$500.00 gross income and a farmer's gross income is gross receipts before any expenses are deducted. Also, deductions to which farmers are lawfully allowed will be explained and depreciation will be discussed in detail. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Dec 15, 1:00 P. M., Woodstock Grange Hall, Bryant Pond

Dec 15, 7:30 P. M., Bethel, Masonic Hall

Dec 18, 1:00 P. M., Peru, Selectmen's Office

Dec 18, 7:30 P. M., Canton Point, Union Hall

Dec 19, 7:30 P. M., Andover, Selectmen's Office

Dec 20, 1:00 P. M., Waterville, Wilken Community Hall

Dec 20, 7:30 P. M., Fryeburg, Center Grange Hall

Dec 21, 1:00 P. M., Denmark, Town Hall

Dec 21, 7:30 P. M., Brownfield, I. O. O. F. Hall

Dec 22, 1:00 P. M., South Hiram, Grange Hall

Dec 22, 7:30 P. M., Hiram, Grange Hall

## CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE READ

It is very important that as much as possible of our town news be in this office on Tuesday. It has happened several times lately that more than half of our correspondents' work has reached us on Wednesday, which is likely to cause omission of news which is much desired by our readers. Some late news is unavoidable but when much of it of week end events, this trouble may be easily corrected.

## BGS Active In Various Drives

The Eighth Grade Club, Donald Lord, president, voted to donate and pack Christmas boxes for wounded soldiers in hospitals. They were divided into five groups with the following chairman: Harry Cole, Gail Curtis, Jerry Davis, Dick Ireland and Reginald Kneeland. Six well-filled boxes, including one from their teacher, were wrapped and delivered at one of the local grocery stores.

A check for \$15.80 was received for the collection of milk-weed pods. It was estimated that more than 54 life saving jackets could be made from the milk-weed floss. It has been voted that a part of the proceeds should be given to Father Finnagran at Boystown and the remainder to some other worthy charity.

The last War Stamp contest ended Dec. 7 with a total cash sales of \$882.65 since September. The new contest beginning this week and ending Feb. 28 divides the school into the Coast Guard (boys) and Spurs (girls). 8th grade captains are Dick Ireland and Eleanor Gurney. 7th grade captains are Smith and Caroline Olson. 5th grade captains are Lowell and Charlotte Stevens. 5th grade Clayton Swan and Patricia Rolfe. Edwin Bumpus and Donald Lord are the sales managers in charge each week. The goal is a field ambulance which will bear a plaque, "Donated by Bethel Grammar School."

In the recent Scrap Paper Drive, two and one-half tons were sent to Rumford and there is another load still to be shipped. The following Paper Troopers received arm insignia and certificates of merit for outstanding activity in the campaign: Harry Cole (2105 lbs.), Carroll Luskton (1689 lbs.). Several hundred pounds each: Lawrence Bennett, Lee Carver, Teddy Chadbourne, Earl Cummings, Jr., Dick Ireland, Joe Kneeland, Collins Morgan, Willis Murphy, Charles Smith, Rogers Pratt.

## GOULD DROPS OVERTIME 17-15

Goold Academy lost its first game on the Field House floor to a visiting schoolboy team last Wednesday in an overtime battle 17-15. The only other defeat suffered on the home floor was a one point victory by the Alumni back in 1942. Goold had what looked like an easy victory as they led 11-4 at the quarter and 13-6 at the half. Neither team scored in the third period and in the final stanza Bridgton began to move, going in to the lead 15-13; but Archie Young came through with the only score of the second half to tie it up and send the game into an overtime.

In the 3 minute overtime a long shot from the corner by Davis spelled defeat for the home team. The Goold boys were exceptionally jittery throughout the last period and the overtime making many wild heaves at the basket. The game might have been won on the free throw line as Goold made only 3 out of 11 free throws.

## GOULD ACADEMY

Lawry, I 2 0 4  
Stone, rf 1 0 2  
Emery 0 0 0  
C Lyon 0 0 0  
Stowell 0 0 0  
Allen, lg 0 2 2  
Young, rg 3 1 7

## BRIDGTON ACADEMY

Shier, c 4 2 10  
Gregware, rf 0 0 0  
Wallace, c 2 0 4  
A. Denison, c 1 1 3  
D. Davis, lg 1 0 2  
Brackett, lg 0 0 0  
Denison, rg 0 0 0

By periods—  
Goold 11 2 0 2 0-15  
Bridgton 4 2 0 9 2-17  
Referee—Franchetti

## RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—Good indefinitely—Red Stamps, A3 through 23 and A5 through 25 in Book Four worth 10 points each. Red tokens worth one point each, used as change. It is expected that the next red stamps will be valid until January 2, 1945.

PROCESSED FOODS—Good indefinitely—Blue Stamps A3 through 23, A5 through 25 and A2 and B3 in Book Four worth 10 points each. No other stamps are expected to be valid for processed foods until Jan. 1, 1945.

SUGAR—Good indefinitely—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Book Four, each good for five pounds. Sugar Stamp 40 in Book Four, good for five pounds for home cooking through Feb. 25, 1945.

FUEL OIL—August 31, 1945—Last day for period four and period five coupons of 1944-45 issue. Period I coupons of 1944-45 issue now valid. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—December 31—Last day for A-13 coupons, good for four gallons each, B4, C4, B5 and C5 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice.

STAMPS—Good indefinitely—Airplane Stamps No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each.

## GOULD DRAMATIC CLUB IN FIRST PERFORMANCE OF YEAR

On Friday evening, Dec. 15, three one act plays will be presented to the public in the William Bingham Gym by the Gould Academy Dramatic Club under Mr. Thompson's direction. Each year these one-act plays become more and more ambitious in content and presentation, and this year is no exception; an evening of real entertainment is promised those who attend.

Two of the plays, entitled "The Tangled Web" and "Search Me," are farce comedies with many entangling situations to promote laughter, and if rehearsals are any proof, they should go far to help the audience to forget the war and all their trouble for an hour or so.

The third play, "Jazz and Minuet," is of a more serious type, with a dream sequence which takes the cast back to colonial times. This is a definitely difficult thing for young actors to attempt, and richly costumed as it will be, will be a true test of the thespians ability to handle straight dramatic fare.

Muscle will be supplied by the Gould Academy orchestra under Miss Griggs' direction, and the curtain for the first play will rise promptly at eight.

## LEWISTON-AUBURN LIONS RECOVER PROPERTY AT MEETING OF LOCAL CLUB

Five members of the Lewiston-Auburn Lions Club attended the meeting of the Bethel Lions Club at Bethel Monday evening, returning home with their gavel and song, which had been missing since the Bethel club visited them at the zone meeting last week. Twenty members and other guests were also present. Robert Dow of Norway spoke on the new Income Tax laws. Bowling was enjoyed after the meeting.

## BEAR RIVER GRANGE ELECTIONS ELECTED

Officers of officers at Bear River Grange Saturday night: Master, George Stearns; Overseer, Fred Wight; Lecturer, Nellie Hodsdon; Steward, L. E. Wight; A. S. Llan Coolidge; Chaplain, Amy Bennett; Treasurer, E. E. Bennett; Secretary, Susan Wight; G. K. Cheslie Saunders; Cores, Una Stearns; Pomona, Adelle Saunders; Flora, Ida Wight; L. A. S. Mary Billings; B. Com, C. Saunders.

The Grange voted to send Master and his wife to State Grange.

Mrs. Mary Billings of the Home and Community Welfare Com presented the Grange with a \$25.00 War Bond also turned in money to pay for "Service Honor Roll," besides paying boys dues.

Worthy Lecturer announced next meeting, Dec. 30 would be Ladies night.

## GUILD CHRISTMAS COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The Guild met at the Congregational Church for a pot-luck supper and meeting Wednesday evening.

Committees were appointed to pack Christmas baskets as follows: Harriet Merrill, Nellie Foster, Ruth Chapman, and Ada Connor.

Committee to make candy bags for the tree: Ruth Chapman, Nellie Foster and Cella Gorman.

Reports of the December Sale were given. The next meeting will be Dec. 27.

## MORRILL-PAINE

Miss Theo Paine of Freeport and T-Sgt. Laurice Morrill of the U. S. Marines were united in marriage at the Waterford Congregational Church Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wilbur I. Bull.

They were attended by Miss Frances Morrill, sister of the groom as maid of honor, Miss Beverly Kneeland and Miss Josephine Harp as brides maids, Owen Knox, of Portland was best man and the flower girl was the small sister of the bride, Mrs. Charlotte M. Fillibrown of Waterford played the wedding march.

Sgt. Morrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill of Mason, who has recently returned from overseas, will report at Cherry Point after a 30 day furlough.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 19 GOULD ACADEMY VS. BERLIN HIGH at 8:15

PRELIMINARY GAME .SKI TEAM vs JV's at 7 o'clock Admission 35c.

## Gould Wins Opener

Goold Academy opened the season last Friday with a well earned 32-25 victory over Gorham, N. H. The "yeoman-like" work of Archie Young and Herb Lyon and the "Story-book" shooting of Korma Allen proved to be the big factors in the "Blue and Gold" victory. It was the visitors third game of the season but they learned a lesson in passing even though it was the home teams first game. Gorham repeatedly threw the ball away with wild passes while the Academy boys passed in mild season form.

The home team made mostly long shots as the Gorham quintet stuck to a close zone defense. This proved their undoing as Allen had an eagle eye dropping 8 beautiful baskets for 16 points while Young, the other guard, contributed three more from out in front of the zone defense. All the Goold players played well for an opening game and show possibilities of better team play.

For Gorham it proved to be almost a one man show as sharp shooting Elchel dropped in 17 of his teams 25 points. In the preliminary game the visiting J. V's scored a 34-21 victory.

Summary:

	G	FG	PTS
GORHAM			
Eichel, lf	7	3	17
Webb, lf	0	0	0
Benson, rf	1	0	2
Penny, c	1	0	0
Reid, lg	1	0	2
Wight, lg	1	0	2
Robinson, rg	0	0	0
Pike, rg	0	0	0
Holmes, rg	0	0	0
Totals	11	3	25

	G	FG	PTS
GOULD ACADEMY			
Lawry, lf	3	1	7
Norwood, rf	0	0	0
Stone, rf	1	0	2
Lyon, c	0	1	1
Allen, lg	8	0	16
Young, rg	3	0	6
Totals	15	2	32

	G	FG	PTS
Gorham	6	10	21
Goold	7	15	32

Referee—Morrill, Time 4 3/4's.

## LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday evening at Mrs. L. Roy Bennett's. Plans for the Christmas supper were discussed. The supper will be held at the Legion rooms Thursday evening, December 21. All members of the Legion and Auxiliary and their families are invited. It was announced the material for capes had come. It was voted to send cigarettes to hospitalized service men, also Christmas remembrances to members who were ill.

The next meeting will be January nine at Mrs. Mary Moore's, with a pot-luck supper.

## BERLIN QUINT HERE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, Dec. 19th the Berlin High Mountaineers will play at Bethel. The visitors are coming with a potentially powerful team, that has already taken the measure of Gorham on the Gorham home floor. The N. H. team is an outfit possessed with many fine qualities such as good passing, drive, team work, and shooting ability.

The local five also has a victory over Gorham; but they lack the power of Berlin. However the team will be geared for action and basketball fans should see some real excitement. The game is scheduled to start at 8:15 at the Field House.

## GIVE Magazines FOR Christmas

Magazine subscriptions make the perfect gift for this war-time Christmas. It's the gift that's a constant, year-around reminder of the giver. There's a magazine to please everyone on your Christmas shopping list.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Losses Pinch German Economy;  
Civil Strife Upsets Greece;  
4-H Selects National Champs

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Displaying awards captured in national competition at the 4-H club's 23rd annual congress in Chicago, Ill., champs include (left to right) Mildred Reed, girls' leadership winner; Donald Mowery, boys' achievement winner; Mary Jo Morgan, girls' achievement winner, and Donald Sullivan, boys' leadership winner. (See 4-H.)

4-H:  
Champs

Left fatherless at 15, with the family deserted by the hired hand, young Donald F. Mowery of Terre Haute, Ind., took upon himself the man-sized job of running a 158-acre farm. At 18, he had earned nearly \$14,000, and with it, the 4-H club's boys' national achievement championship at the 23rd annual 4-H congress in Chicago, Ill.

Adjudged the girls' national achievement winner was 19-year-old Mary Jo Morgan of Laurel, Miss., with an income of \$6,808.25 drawn from nine years of club work in gardening, canning, clothing, foods, poultry and home improvements. Both boy and girl winner will receive a trophy from the president and a \$200 college scholarship.

To 19-year-old Donald F. Sullivan of Potsdam, N. Y., and 20-year-old Mildred Reed of Bristol, Conn., went the national boys' and girls' 4-H titles for leadership in their clubs and communities. Awards for these honors are the same as in the achievement fields.

PEARL HARBOR:  
Trials Off

Because separate army and navy investigating boards found that Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel were guilty only of errors in judgment in defensive preparations at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japs' attack, the war and navy departments decided to drop court-martial proceedings against them.

At the same time, the departments declared that the boards' findings would remain secret for the duration so as not to impair national safety.

Although not providing the grounds for court-martial, the two committees' errors in judgment were serious enough to warrant their retirement from service, it was said.

LIBERATION:  
Political Scuffles

Diplomatic as well as military problems pressed the Allies in Europe, with British troops coming to the assistance of the rightist government in Greece in the latter's fight against leftist elements, and the U. S. condemning Britain's interference in Italian politics.

Of the two, the situation in Greece was the most serious, with many killed and injured in fighting following the leftists' refusal to give up their arms on the grounds that the rightists were being allowed to keep theirs. With Greece on the threshold of the vital Suez canal passage from the far east, Britain maintained a deep interest in the situation. Said Britain's commander in Greece, Major General Scobie: "I stand firmly behind the rightist government, and shall aid them to the limit of my resources."

Although directly stopping at Britain for its resistance to the naming of Count Carlo Sforza as foreign minister in a new Italian regime, the stiffening U. S. State Department also declared that all other would nations should be given full opportunity to develop their own democratic forms of government.

WAR PRODUCTION

To prevent the possibility of increasing shortages in the Japanese war, U. S. arms production will be maintained at substantial levels after Hitler's fall, with only about 20 per cent reduction in output. As a result of the government's new plans, only about 2,000,000 rather than 4,000,000 people are expected to be released from war industries on V-E victory in Europe, day, and manpower and materials controls probably will be retained for the most part.

GERMANY:  
Army Commands

With the great battle for Germany raging along the western front, the country's top army commanders look over complete control of military operations from intuitive Adolf Hitler.

Under supreme command of foxey Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, close to Hitler since his rise to power in 1933, German generals were using every trick in the book in an effort to slow up the Allies' powerful drive to the Rhine. Masses of field artillery were concentrated against vital Allied points; tanks were thrown in in counterattacks; blunts Allied spearheads, and green troops were sponored on less active fronts, and then hurled into the main fighting.

Despite tremendous German losses, the Nazis were reported to have no less than 6,000,000 men available on all fronts, including supply and maintenance units. Although only about 1,250,000 between 10 and 46 were said to be of crack quality, the high command has shown a disposition to sacrifice the inferior troops in forward and rear-guard actions, where they would eventually be written off.

Economic Pinch

Pinched on the military front, Germany will be equally pinched at home this winter, economists predict, what with the reduction in Nazi occupied territory resulting in decreased food and steel supplies.

Prior to this summer, both the German army and home front were well fed as a result of food imports from conquered nations; but with the Allies advancing both in the east and west since mid-year, the Nazis have been compelled to fall back before being able to stock up with 1944 harvests. In addition, 1944 agricultural production in Germany has suffered because of labor and fertilizer shortages.

At the height of their European conquest, the Nazis controlled a continental steel industry with a capacity of 50,000,000 tons; but here again, German retreat resulted in the loss of about 21,000,000 tons in Italy, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Balkans and Hungary, and Allied bombings were estimated to have chipped off an additional 6,000,000 tons in the Reich itself.

Hard Fighting

Their backs to the wall, the Nazis still fought valiantly in an attempt to stave off the steady Allied surge to their homeland. Latest threat developed in southwestern Hungary, beyond a great Russian breakthrough beyond the Danube carried within 40 miles of the Austrian frontier.

As the Reds rushed onward, the Nazis were expected to reform their lines around 50-mile-wide Lake Balaton, which would appreciably decrease the length of their front at a period of the war when the economy of manpower, rather than of maintenance of territory, was the overriding consideration.

On the western front, most spectacular advance was in Liege. Patton's drive on the vital coal-laden Saar basin, but hardest fighting centered east of Aachen, where the U. S. 9th and 1st armies continued to grind forward toward the edge of the sprawling Cologne plain, with the Reich's industrial heart about 20 miles away.

MISCELLANY

Even prisoners are doing their part for Uncle Sam in the war. Inmates have turned out \$25,000,000 of industrial products since July, 1942, including steel pentons, submarine and cargo nets, work garments, blankets, rope, parachute cords, stretchers, camouflage netting and ammunition boxes. In addition, prison farm production has increased to \$13,334,313 annually.

PACIFIC:  
Real Sailor

Interesting sidelight on the war in the Pacific, which saw continued bad weather hampering the U. S. drive on Leyte, was crusty little Admiral Halsey's postponement of a bombardment of Manila to rescue 38 American pilots forced down at sea. As Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet sailed toward the great Philippine port, it encountered a gusty storm, and 40 of its pilots were caught in the air. When a tabulation showed them to be missing, Admiral Halsey called off the raid, ordering the fleet to search for the fliers.

After an extensive combing of the sea, 38 of the airmen were rescued. Then, the salty little admiral ordered full steam ahead for Manila.

PENSIONS:  
For Vets' Widows

Getting together to settle their differences on the subject, the house and senate shaped a common measure on providing pensions for widows and orphans of World War I vets and sent it to the White House for approval.

Under a bill passed by congress, widows of World War I vets, having an income of less than \$1,000 a year, would be eligible for a \$35 monthly pension, while widows with children, with income of less than \$2,500 annually, would get \$45 for the first child and \$5 for each additional. The bill also provided payment of \$18 for one orphan and \$36 for three, plus \$4 for each additional.

Although passed four times before by the house, such pension bills previously were pigeon-holed before they could reach the senate floor.

Death Run



Killed by anti-aircraft fire after attack on German switchyards at Munich, this B-24 burst into flames, slipped over on its side, and plummeted to earth.

Army Air Force photo records the sensational, but chilling, picture.

STATE DEPARTMENT:  
More Changes

With Big Businessman Edward Stettinius taking over as secretary of state, other big business names were added shortly after to the state department's roster, with the appointment of William Clayton and Nelson Rockefeller as the new chief-ain's assistants.

Formerly surplus property disposal head, Clayton, prominent southern cotton broker and business associate of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, will be in charge of foreign economic affairs. Son of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and presently coordinator of inter-American relations, Rockefeller will handle U. S. relations with the Latin republics.

In other big shifts in the department, career-diplomat Joseph C. Grew was named undersecretary of state, and Archibald MacLeish was put in charge of public and cultural relations. U. S. ambassador to Japan from 1932 to Pearl Harbor, Grew, who repeatedly warned of the aggressive designs of the Nipponese, served as undersecretary for a time under Calvin Coolidge.

WORLD AVIATION:  
End Confab

Amid much reciprocal compliment and bowing, the international aviation conference came to an end in Chicago, Ill., after 37 days of continuous sessions in which framework for a world civil air organization was constructed and certain flight principles established.

Permanent acceptance of the program, however, will be dependent upon ratification by the 54 allied and neutral nations after the war, with an interim organization to be situated in Canada maintaining the basic structures during the length of the conflict. Powers of the organization will merely be advisory except for authority within its own body.

As a whole, delegates favored the principles of allowing flight over their territories and landings for other than commercial purposes. Great Britain, for one, however, balked over the proposal to permit planes from different countries to operate commercially in any particular nation unless quotas were established for each one.

COTTON

With U. S. cotton hard pressed by cheaper foreign production, Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard proposed a plan under which the government would subsidize the small planter with the view toward financing his entrance into new agricultural fields. As another approach to the problem, Wickard suggested a two-price system under which a parity would be paid for domestic consumption, with exports disposed of at prices prevalent in the world markets.

Washington Digest

Congressional Machinery  
Is Slated for Overhauling

Bulk of Complaints Against the Legislative Branch Are Inconsistent, but Committee Setup Needs Revision.

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It is an old American custom to take a pot-shot at congress whenever something goes wrong and nobody else is handy to blame, no matter whether the trouble is dust-storms, sun-spots, jaundice or just plain grouch.

You may recall that this feeling reached an unhappy high in the famous "bundles - for congressmen" campaign of 1942. Some practical jokers in Seattle seized on the civil service retirement bill which made all government employees, including members of congress, eligible for pensions, as an excuse to start the horseplay. By the time the silly season arrived, everyone with an overdose of prickly heat was taking it out in one way or another on the poor legislators.

That was very funny to everybody except the recipients of the bundles - and a few thoughtful people who knew that the greatest danger to a democratic government is lack of confidence in the parliamentary body. They knew, too, that most of the sins of congress are due to the fact that some of the congressional methods established by the founding fathers have grown out of date.

As one congressman put it to me the other day: "We can't be expected to handle billion-dollar budgets with a penny-ante setup."

In July, 1943, Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin introduced a plan for the reorganization of the committee structure of the senate. This year the senate approved the appointment of a joint committee on organization of both houses. The Smith committee in the house, Senator Maloney and Representative Monroney and others carried on, until today the chances seem bright for consideration by the 76th congress of a plan to streamline the machinery of the government's legislative branch.

In addition, a committee of lawyers has just completed a four-year study on the reorganization of congress, the results of which have found favor in congressional circles. I think it apropos at this point to offer two quotations, one from the works of the historian Charles Beard, mentioned by Senator LaFollette in an article he wrote on the subject, and another from the article itself.

This is what historian Beard said: "As a more than casual student of the Congressional Record, I venture this opinion: It is possible to pick out of the Record for the past 100 years three or four (not a lot) which for the breadth of knowledge, technical skill, analytical acumen, close reasoning and dignified presentation, compare favorably with similar utterances made in the preceding century by the so-called 'Great Orators.'"

LaFollette, subscribing to this opinion, adds frankly, "There is, to be sure, more trash - bad poetry, demagogic claptrap, and plotted nonsense - in the Record of the past 100 years than there was on the annals of congress from 1789 to 1799." (Aye, aye!)

The senator reminds us, however, of the extremely complex quality of the problems which congress has to face today and the distractions to which the members are subjected, and then, comparing the congress about which he is writing (the 76th) with the first congresses, he says he is convinced "that for disinterestedness, absence of corruption, and concern with the public good, the present body is of a higher order."

And that is a sentiment which, in the humble opinion of this writer, is substantiated by the majority of objective students of the two bodies.

All Democratic Institutions  
Suffer During Wartime

The present legislators, if they wished to be as frantically exasperating as many civilian slackers in this cur time of national stress, could answer some of their critics with a shrug and a reminder that "there is a war on." When a war is on the toughest fibered of democratic institutions suffer.

The lucidness of the bulk of the complaints against the legisla-

tive branch of the government in the last two years can be seen when it is realized that the two most popular charges offered were either that congress was a "rubber stamp" or that it was "obstructionist," which adds up to a contradiction.

Because of the fact that the growth of the country has demanded an increase in the body of administrative and executive law, congress is forced to delegate more power and more functions to the administrative branch. To overcome this trend in so far as possible will be one of the efforts of the reorganization, of which I will speak in a moment. Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that Senator LaFollette himself called attention to the accomplishment of the Truman investigating committee in exposing executive errors already committed and in preventing others by the mere threat of "ever present exposure and censure."

The one field in which congress can so greatly increase its efficiency and in so doing, not only checking willful aggression of the administrative and executive branches but rendering a real assistance to them and to the whole nation, is in the reorganization of the committees and their methods.

Congress at present is not equipped to offer sufficient constructive help in the writing of legislation and therefore, frequently, the last word goes, by default, to the interested government agency, or that particular pressure group armed with the technical information necessary to bolster its case.

Representative Smith of Virginia, in the report of his committee to investigate executive agencies, brings out this point, as others have. The report says: "Today a large percentage of the most important legislation is . . . painstakingly drafted by the very executive officials who are intended to be the recipients of the powers which the legislation delegates. Furthermore, the same officials are generally the only expert and fully informed witnesses to testify before the legislative committees of the congress having jurisdiction over the proposed bills. If there are opposing witnesses they do not, as a rule, represent congress or the people generally but rather some special group."

Expert Knowledge  
Needed on Many Bills

That does not mean that there are not men in congress who know as much and more than many of the persons appearing before them in favor of, or in opposition to, a particular bill. But even a senator can't be all things to all men.

Then there are the well-heeled lobby groups with their technical experts. What can a committee with a limited appropriation do in competition with a private group with funds to hire the best legal or technical brains in the country to present its case? How can a member of a congressional committee be expected to know as much about a subject as a member of a government department who spends his whole time on the particular subject involved?

Fortunately, the situation is curable. One answer is greater specialization on the part of the members of congress. This can be accomplished by cutting down the number of committees upon which a member is allowed to serve. In the house (with its larger membership) a member can concentrate on a single committee's work. In the senate, I know of one case where a senator found that all six committees on which he served were scheduled to meet at the same time on the same day.

Another solution for the problem would be provision for employment of non-political experts, both temporary and permanent, to advise committees on purely technical matters. This arrangement now exists but in such a limited degree that it is hardly effective.

Send Gifts to Men  
In Service Hospitals



Many servicemen are remaining in army and navy hospitals during the holidays, and some of these boys are without families. Gifts sent to the hospitals will be placed in their hands, or their names may be secured and gifts sent direct.

Christmas Journey  
In a Stagecoach

Washington Irving  
(From "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent." A travelogue of England in the early 1800s.)

In the course of a December tour in Yorkshire, I rode for a long distance in one of the public coaches, on the day preceding Christmas. The coach was crowded, both inside and out, with passengers, who, by their talk, seemed principally bound to the mansions of relations or friends, to eat the Christmas dinner . . . I had three fine rose-cheeked school-boys for my fellow-passengers inside, full of the buxom health and manly spirit which I have observed in the children of this country. They were returning home for the holidays in a high glee, and promising themselves a world of enjoyment . . . They were under the particular guardianship of the coachman, to whom, whenever an opportunity presented, they addressed a host of questions, and pronounced him one of the best fellows in the world. Indeed, I could not but notice the more than ordinary air of bustle and importance of the coachman, who wore his hat a little on one side, and had a large bunch of Christmas greens stuck in the buttonhole of his coat . . .

Perhaps it might be owing to the pleasing serenity that reigned in my own mind, that I fancied I saw cheerfulness in every countenance throughout the journey. A stagecoach, however, carries animation always with it, and puts the world in motion as it whirls along. The horn, sounded at the entrance of a village, produces a general bustle. Some hasten forth to meet friends, some with bundles and handboxes to secure places, and in the hurry of the moment can hardly take leave of the group that accompanies them. In the meantime the coachman has a world of small commissions to execute. Sometimes he delivers a hare or pheasant; sometimes jerks a small parcel or newspaper to the door of a public-house; and sometimes, with a knowing leer and words of sly import, hands to some half-drunken, half-laughing housemaid an odd-shaped bottle-doux from some rustic admirer. As the coach rattles through the village, everyone runs to the window, and you have glimpses on every side of fresh country faces and blooming giggling girls. At the corners are assembled junks of village idlers and wise men, who take their station there for the important purpose of seeing company pass; but the saddest knot is generally at the blacksmith's, to whom the passing of the coach is an event full of much speculation. The smith, with the horse's heel in his lap, pauses as the vehicle whirls by; the cyclops round the anvil suspend their ringing hammers, and suffer the iron to grow cool; and the soot spectre in brown paper cap, laboring at the bellows, leans on the handle for a moment, and permits the asthmatic engine to heave a long-drawn sigh, while he glares through the murky smoke and sulphurous gleams of the smithy . . .

In the evening we reached a village where I had determined to pass the night. As we drove into the great gateway of the inn, I saw on one side the light of a rousing kitchen fire beaming through a window. I entered, and admired, for the hundredth time, the picture of convenience, neatness, and broad, honest enjoyment, the kitchen of an English inn. -- Washington Irving, in "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent."

But Once a Year

"Christmas comes but once a year." These words are an old saying, dating back to the 16th century. In "The Farmer's Daily Diet," by the old English author, Thomas Tusser, whose time of activity dated from 1515 to 1580, we have the original use of the saying, as follows: "At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year."

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THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who hates herself for being meek and shy, agrees to deliver some invitations for her employer's wife. It is raining, and she bursts into tears. A handsome stranger stops and gets her story from her; he tears up the invitations and deposits them in a nearby trash basket. Zorie, unable to assert herself, is railroaded into taking a job she doesn't want by Admiral Duncan, grandfather of her fiancé, Paul Duncan. Aboard the steamer, Samoa, en route to Hawaii, Zorie dances with Steve, Paul's brother. Steve is the "handsome stranger" who had befriended her. Paul is furious at Zorie, and refers to Steve as a Nazi spy. The admiral dictates some of his memoirs to Zorie.

## CHAPTER VIII

She looked at them both with dismay. "I—I think we're doing nicely," she said in a quavering voice. "There!" cried the admiral with a triumphant flourish. "Zorie!" Steve said in a shocked voice. He was looking at her as if he didn't believe it. "I never thought you'd let me down," he said softly. Then he grinned, very slowly. "Oh, well. It's only a book."

"I can't think any more," the admiral said. "You might as well go, Zorie."

With a half-hour to spare, Zorie went up to A Deck. She hoped she might see Steve. All she wanted was to tell him why she hadn't backed him up in his argument with the admiral. She wanted to explain that she considered it a family matter in which she had no voice.

She walked aft. The bar door was open. A smart-looking gray-haired woman was at the bar alone having a cocktail.

Zorie hesitated. If it was customary for unescorted women to drink at the bar, why shouldn't she? A drink might steady her.

She walked to the bar, sat down on a stool and ordered a Martini. She told herself she really needed it. She needed courage. No matter what happened this evening, she would need courage. Alcohol gave you false courage, but false courage was better than none.

Zorie had done very little drinking. The Martini bartender stirred and placed before her was different from any cocktail she had ever tasted. It was delicious. The icy spicy liquid was soothing to her aching throat.

It was almost six-thirty. She paid for her drinks, walked once around the deck to enjoy her glowing feeling, then went down to the admiral's suite.

When she opened the door, her stateroom was dark. She switched on the light. The room was filled with a pale fog of smoke, but it wasn't cigarette smoke. It was cigar smoke. She supposed that Winthrop Lanning had been here with Amber, and had smoked a cigar.

She sat down on Amber's bed and waited for the phone to ring. She was facing her own bed under which her trunk was visible. She looked at it for some time without actually seeing it, thinking of Steve and hoping he would phone. Zorie was suddenly aware that something was wrong. When she had come in here after work this afternoon, she had pulled out the trunk, put her coat in it, locked it, and pushed it back under the bed. But she had pushed it under the bed with the lock facing out. The lock was now facing the wall and the hinged side was facing out.

She got up. Amber no doubt had been up to more of her diabolical tricks.

Zorie pulled the trunk out and unlocked and opened it.

The stenographer's book was not where she had placed it.

She searched the trunk hurriedly, but she could not find the notebook.

The notebook was gone!

It now occurred to Zorie, as she knelt there with chilly prancing over her, that something else was missing. It was the young Bavarian engineering student's treatise—"A Critical Survey of the Re-tooling of the Waffensfabrik Krupp Plant for Increased Warlike Production."

She was trying to think calmly. Her first assumption had been that Amber had stolen the notebook and treatise in a final effort to force her to move out of this stateroom. Then she recalled the cigar smoke she had smelled when she first came in. Amber would not be likely to have a key that would fit this lock or the skill necessary to pick it.

She must do something, but she did not know what to do. When the admiral learned that his day's dictation was lost, he would be furious. He would blame her. If she went to Paul, he might spoil everything by doing the wrong thing. The logical person to consult was Steve. But she did not trust Steve. Whatever was happening, Steve was in it.

Her earlier suspicions returned. Steve had lived in Germany and turned Nazi. The Lannings, in spite of his defense of them, were doubtless looking man with scrubby red hair who had several times stared at her so searchingly—he was obviously in with them, and that made him a Nazi, too.

She recalled how he, Amber, and her uncle had each, in turn, stared at her. Why? It had been obvious that Amber had mistaken her for someone else.

One of them had stolen the notebook and the engineering treatise.

They must suspect that she was in some way involved—but in what? It was puzzling and alarming. . . . She would, she decided, talk to Steve about it, but not yet. She wanted to think things over. She wanted, first of all, another Martini.

Zorie went to the bar. She was drinking a Martini when a suave, familiar voice said, "Well! I was beginning to think you were being kept packed away in Jeweler's cotton."

She looked around into Winthrop Lanning's dark, handsome, saturnine face. His lids were partly lowered and she noticed the little star-shaped scar under his left eye. Only one corner of his mouth was smiling. It gave him a sinister air.

She wondered if he had gone into her stateroom, opened her trunk and taken the notebook and treatise. She wondered who he thought she was, and what he thought she was doing.

"You know," he said, "I'm awfully curious about you."

"Why?" Zorie asked. Her voice sounded squeaky to her. She was frightened. She was afraid of this man and what he represented, but she was trying to keep it out of her expression.

"Let's sit down and have a drink," he said, "and I'll tell you. There is something about you that baffles me."

Zorie wondered what this really meant. He had certainly seen her.



Pierre Savoyard said nothing. He stared.

In Elleryton, talking with Steve beside the telephone pole in the rain. He must know now what was in the notebook, and he must have read the treatise. Instinct warned her to be very careful, to say little or nothing.

She wished that Steve would come along.

"Why, Mr. Lanning?" she said in a small voice.

"Well," he said, "you're a beautiful woman. You have beautiful hair, you have heavenly eyes and an exquisite nose and a delicious mouth. . . . Why?"

"Why?" Zorie echoed.

"Yes—why? Why are you doing everything you can to conceal the facts? Why do you wear your hair as you do? Why do you go without makeup? Why do you dress so deliberately to hide the fact that you are beautiful?"

Zorie's cheeks were burning. She said as calmly as she could: "It happens to be engaged to a man who disapproves of makeup and frivolous clothes."

His eyes and his smile were knowing. "Ah!" he said softly. "But it goes deeper than that, Miss Corey. The Chinese have a saying—'The flower of love does not thrive on tears.' Something of the kind also applies to loveliness. Loveliness does not thrive on neglect—or on a determination to be unlovely. Do you see my point?"

Zorie wanted to say that he was being rude and prying! That how she did her hair, and what she did about her face and her body was none of his business.

"Not quite," she said meekly.

The waiter brought their drinks. "Do it again," Mr. Lanning said. Then, to Zorie: "With you, I believe, it's a state of mind. You are inherently a great actress. You become whatever you wish to be. It's amazing, isn't it? And a great talent."

He was staring at her hard now. She felt a familiar fluttering in her heart.

"So now," Mr. Lanning said, "you are somebody's fiancée. . . . How did you like Elleryton?"

"I hated it!" Zorie said impulsively.

"Ah! Yes. But you would."

"Why would I?"

"But why not?" he laughed. "Consider Elleryton."

Zorie drank her Martini. The waiter took her glass away and put down a full one in its place. Mr. Lanning said carelessly, "Do it again."

He looked rather pleased, Zorie thought, and she wondered why.

"My niece tells me you're doing secretarial work."

Zorie's heart gave a sickening thump. "Yes," she said. She hesitated, then went on: "I'm helping Admiral Duncan with his autobiography."

"Really?" Mr. Lanning said. "That must be very interesting."

His smile was mocking. His eyes were narrow and knowing. Zorie had a sense of something mysterious and threatening and ugly happening just under the surface.

He spoke rapidly in French. She looked at him blankly.

"Oh! Don't you understand French?" he said.

"No, Mr. Lanning."

"That's odd," he said. "That's very odd."

"Why?" Zorie gasped.

"You might have a command of so many tongues!"

"But tell me why?"

"Well," he said, laughing, "mystery is always intriguing."

Someone has stopped beside the table.

"Miss Corey," Mr. Lanning said, in his graceful way, "this is my friend—my companion—Pierre Savoyard."

"How do you do?" Zorie said faintly.

Pierre Savoyard said nothing. He stared.

"Miss Corey," Mr. Lanning said, "is helping Admiral Duncan write his autobiography. She says it is very interesting work."

"Truly?" Pierre Savoyard said. He had a soft, low voice.

Zorie felt that she was on trial. She wished Steve or Paul would come along. She was frightened.

Beyond Mr. Savoyard she suddenly saw Amber Lanning.

Amber was sleek and beautiful in midnight blue. She was walking slowly past. Her eyes were narrowed. She nodded slightly and walked on. The nod, Zorie realized, was meant for her uncle. He had evidently given her some kind of signal.

Zorie felt a chill dart along her spine. Her mouth was so dry she could hardly swallow. The waiter had replaced her empty cocktail glass with still another full one. She drank it hastily and glanced at Mr. Lanning, then at Pierre Savoyard. For an instant she saw in his face determination. It made him more sinister than ever.

He said in his deep voice, "It has been so nice meeting you, Miss Corey." He walked on. He disappeared. Amber had disappeared, too.

Zorie felt dizzy. The room had started to revolve. She squeezed her eyes shut and gave her head a little shake. She opened her eyes. . . . She still felt dizzy.

"Mr. Lanning," she said, "I have a date. You'll have to excuse me."

Her voice sounded thick, the words, fuzzy.

Those Martinis! How many had she had? Three? Four? Five? Her face felt cold and damp.

Mr. Lanning was rising. She could not see his face too clearly.

She stood up, hoping she could still walk. She made her way uncertainly to the door and went on deck. The cool, strong sea breeze felt wonderful on her face. She went to the rail.

The phrase "walk it off" went through her mind. There was nothing to do but walk it off.

She started up the deck. Everything had a glassy look. A man in a white coat and black trousers was slowly coming along the deck toward her.

She was sure it was Paul. He stopped a few feet away from her. She could not see his face very clearly, but she saw the anger in his clear gray-green eyes.

"Will you please explain this?" he said grimly.

"What?" Zorie asked.

"Look at you! You can hardly stand up! You'd better take a good long walk."

"With you?" Zorie asked.

"What's wrong," he said savagely, "with Mr. Lanning?"

"Did you see us?"

"Yes, I saw you."

"He's a horrible man!"

"But the type you evidently prefer."

He walked rapidly away. Zorie stood looking after him, hurt and resentful. But he was right. She shouldn't have had those drinks with Mr. Lanning. She would never do such a thing again.

She loved Paul, and she wanted to please him. He carried himself so well, she thought; he had such fine shoulders, such a beautiful head.

She continued along her uncertain course. She felt confused and frightened. The things Mr. Lanning had said, the questions he had asked, had been meaningless, yet full of dark significance. It was evident that he suspected her of being someone else; that his niece and Mr. Savoyard also suspected it.

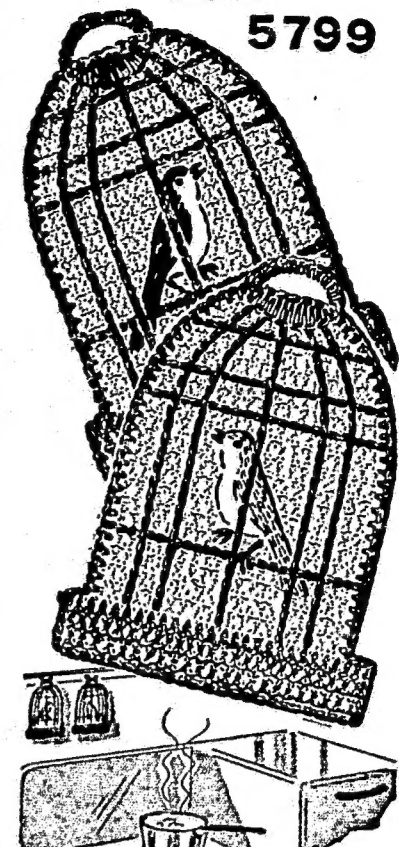
Why was it odd that she didn't speak French? Why had he said, "You become whatever you wish to be. It's amazing, isn't it? And a great talent?"

Why had they stolen the notebook and the treatise? If they were Nazi agents—and she was sure they were—of what did they suspect her, as the girl she resembled?

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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The salesman asked a farmer the way to the nearest hotel.

"You turn left at the schoolhouse," the farmer advised. "Then go straight ahead till you come to Gad Shur's house. Then take the left fork in the road and keep on for five miles."

"That's clear," the man said. "Where does that bring me?"

"Wal," the farmer announced, "that brings you right back here."

"Right here!" the salesman shouted, "why should I come back here?"

"To get the rest of the directions," the farmer explained. "If I told you them all at once, you might get confused."

Which of your two husbands  
Is coming home tonight . . .

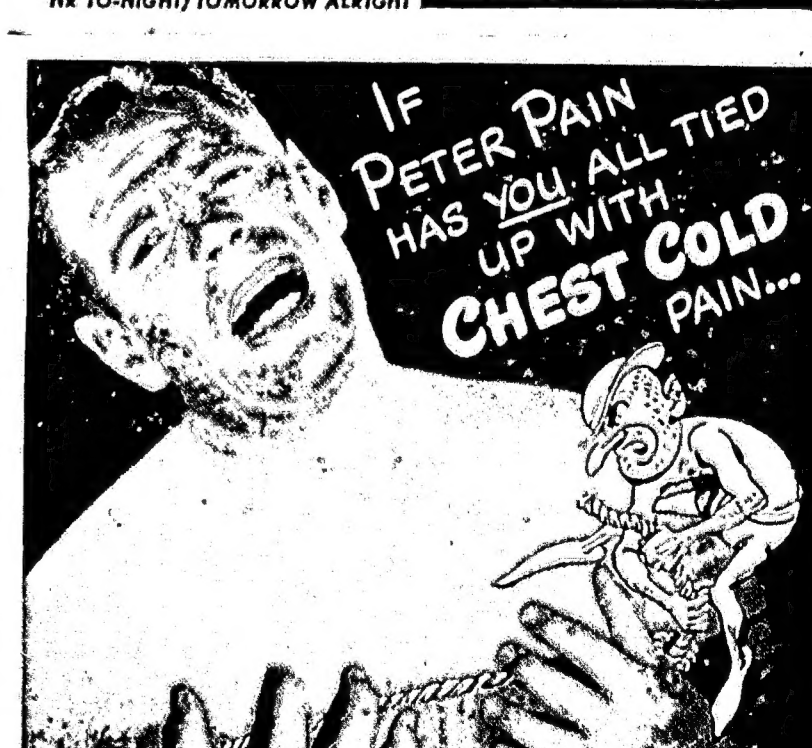
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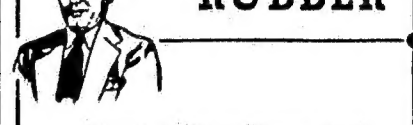


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Accurate tire inflation means more now than ever before. Too much pressure encourages impact flexing and heat—a heavy mileage waster.

A compliment to the technicians responsible for the development of synthetic rubber is the fact that tires and tubes required by the U. S. Ordnance Department are about 85 per cent converted to a substitute for natural rubber.

In war or peace  
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Carl L. Brown, Publisher

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1944



### Power Resource

Personal confidence is one of the world's really great power resources. When two individuals become acquainted, after they have more or less dealing with each other, confidence for a noticeable lack of confidence always results. This is no part of high-brow psychology. It is a practical experience that comes to every human before he knows enough words to tell about it.

The power contained in this commonplace, human relationship is too big to calculate. How many times have you known insolvent business firms to rise above ruin and fight their way to prosperity because a banker believed personally in somebody? More than once I have seen "defeated" ball teams build victory from nothing anybody could see but the hopeful grin of a respected coach.

### Of Practical Use

There is mortal confidence is the power of personal trust so obvious as in a hospital. Patients get better when the doctor comes. Pain seems to lose its edge, fever actually subsides, confusion gives place to calm when the physician enters. It is a positive curative, a definite part of physical treatment. It is a thing too useful and effective to be lightly discarded.

There is a concerted movement on foot in political circles to break up this relationship between doctor and patient. It is spoken of as "instilling socialized medicine." By no means have all the details of the plan been worked out, but the early steps have been charted. It adds up to putting all doctors on the government's payroll and assigning them their patients.

### It Is Regimentation

To Mr. Average Citizen it means that he can't choose his physician. If he gets sick or a member of his family encounters accident or ill health, he must complain to a bureau and accept the doctor picked by the bureaucrat in charge. He probably will be obliged to go somewhere and fill out a blank first. If the case calls for hospital service he will be so informed and a hospital selected for him.

Boosters for socialized medicine claim it will improve the entire nation's well being. They say it will make doctors anxious to keep their communities well, make them zealous of disease prevention. I doubt it. Making doctors salaried government men can't help but make a lot of them lazy and indifferent. It might reasonably cost many lives and it would certainly pile administrative expenses to the sky.

### A Labor of Love

Professional services, by their very nature, are personal services. In large part they are confidential. A man who is not at liberty to pick his own confidant is not a free man at all. Doctors admit that they, on the average, might earn more money in fewer hours of work under socialized medicine. Nevertheless doctors oppose it and it is to their moral credit.

Doctors oppose shorter hours at better pay, why? Because in getting these "goodies" for themselves they would cause their patients to pay more, suffer more and perhaps die sooner. The physician's work would be no longer personal... no longer professional. In their vital delicate services doctors would have to get along without personal confidence, the most helpful of all medicines.

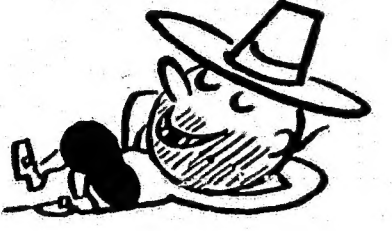
SCHOOL SAVINGS			
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Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	% C
I	\$2.00	\$5.25	38
II	2.00	5.50	36
III	2.00	5.25	38
IV	1.00	4.10	24
Total			
V	\$10.00	\$18.40	54
VI	5.00	13.45	39
VII	3.00	10.50	28
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Total			
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Why should I work?  
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Did you know that America once tried communism and darn near perished?

The English colonies at Jamestown were on a communistic basis at first. Land was owned in common and whatever was raised or got by trading with the Indians was divided.

Historian John Fiske says: "The lazy ones would not work, and the industrious ones were not very willing to work."

But Sir Thomas Dale arrived and abolished communism, put the country on a "free enterprise" basis, made each man his own tract, required two and a half barrels of corn as taxes, and allowed each the balance of his crop.

For the first time, the colonies began to thrive.

Yet some people—even after that sample of communism—want to try it here again—partially or completely.

### SOUTH WOODSTOCK

The South Woodstock Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Esther Davis on Tuesday. Mrs. Davis was assisted by Mrs. Miriam Hendrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stanley Andrews are visiting relatives in Massachusetts. Mrs. Garvin is with their three little children during their absence.

Mrs. George Hendrickson is quite poorly. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Thurlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis were in Rumford Saturday.

Priscilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hart, is at the Rumford Community Hospital, where she was taken for appendicitis.

### THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Mr. Seneca said, "The mind that is anxious about the future is miserable." And for anybody not knowing Mr. Seneca, I will tell 'em. He was a Roman philosopher, born in 3 B. C. Mr. Seneca was no green pea.

Lots of folks today have folding money burning holes in their jeans. But Mr. Seneca was not talking so much about this kind of folks. He was talking about the kind who could not figure what today's dividends are bringing down upon us tomorrow—like our present tinkering here in the U. S. A. with socialism and making the Govt. the boss of all our doings, clean to the mortician. Young folks with ambition and pep, and a hankering to get ahead under their own steam, don't have too much out there in the future to beckon 'em.

An off-shoot that leans too heavy on mama and papa don't set any worlds on fire. And a person looking to the Govt. for all the answers becomes soft and half-way useless. What this country needs is more people to write post-cards to Congress. We gotta get the Govt. back to its job of keeping the peace and being the umpire—nothing else.

When Uncle Sambo gets back to just and fair governing, we will forget our anxieties and go to town.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

### GROVER HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King and two children, James and Alice of Jefferson, N. H. were Sunday guests at Cleve Waterhouse's.

Winfield Whitman of Campton, N. H. visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whitman over the week end.

John T. Brown and daughter, Winifred of South Paris were at True Brown's Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Brown visited her mother, Mrs. Sophie Conner at West Bethel Saturday night.

Alfred J. Peaslee leaves this week to make his home in the Odd Fellows' Home at Auburn. The best wishes of the neighborhood go with Mr. Peaslee who will be greatly missed here.

Vernie Mills of Mason assisted by James Mundt sawed wood for G. L. Whitman, Everett Bean and Karl Stearns last week.

True Brown is quite ill and under a doctor's care.

### MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Ada Balentine spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter last week.

Miss Elizabeth Ward spent the week end with Miss Helen Robertson at Bethel.

Mrs. Ernest Swan and children of Dixfield were guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stevens this week end.

Mrs. Curtis Winslow and children Evelyn and Duane called on Mrs. Lillian Carter, one day last week.

### BURNS' RED & WHITE STORE

# WANTED:

## Native Dry BEANS

Kidney Yellow Eye  
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Friday and Saturday Only		IGA
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CELERY single bunch	29c	PALMOLIVE SOAP 3, 20c
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Royal Guest		VEGETABLES 4 1/2 oz. jar 8c
COFFEE lb.	27c	FRUITS 4 1/2 oz. jar 9c
IGA Enriched		Swans Down
FLOUR 25 lb. bag	\$1.27	CAKE FLOUR pkg. 26c
Gold Nugget—Family		The Wonder Margarine
FLOUR 25 lb. bag	\$1.09	KEYKO lb. pkg. 25c
Tea Table—Super Enriched		IGA
FLOUR 25 lb. bag	\$1.37	ROLLED OATS 1ge. pkg. 25c
Hershey's		WHEAT CEREAL pkg. 15c
COCOA 1/2 lb. can	10c	Post
IGA MILK 3 tall cans	27c	BRAN FLAKES pkg. 9c



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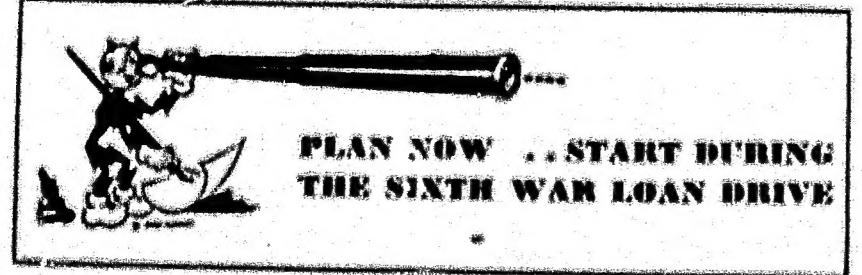


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REMEMBER that gorgeous all-electric kitchen you've yearned over in magazines, and longed to own yourself, some day? A beautiful, gleaming kitchen with a streamlined electric range, run on automatic time control, so you can put food on to cook and forget it... and an electric refrigerator complete with deep-freeze compartment... even an electric garbage-disposer, that automatically grinds scraps and scrapings into nothing!

Well, the war bonds you buy TODAY can give you that kitchen tomorrow! And there'll probably be money to spare, too—for at Uncle Sam's generous interest rates, your original investment grows considerably by maturity date.

Buy all the bonds you can, during the Sixth War Loan Drive. Set them aside labelled "Postwar Electric Kitchen." That's the satisfying, patriotic way to make your dreams come true!



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### SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. I. Leon Kimball at 400 Main St. at Bethel St. Mrs. Leon Kimball home after spending with relatives in E. Mrs. Kenneth C. (Garet Hill) and Roy S. Navy spent the Mr. and Mrs. John called on friends in Newell Andrews. Roy-Wardwell played at North Waterford Saturday night. The other dance held night, December 1. Joseph Pechnik visitor in South Pa.

### WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell and Mrs. Ma were given a variety Universalist Church, evening, December 4. Their recent marriage a nice variety of gifts.

### ALBANY TOWN

Mrs. Annie Bump and Mr. and Mrs. Merri children were supported by Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Ray of last week. Roy W. I. Bull Church service Sunday, an attendance of 15. Mrs. Sarah Anderson the last week. Mrs. Bertha Anderson's birthday. Mrs. Ray Andrews attended a birthday. McAllister's Tuesday. Kendrick Scribner the armed forces of day, Dec. 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. have moved to De Bernard Harrington. Fred Littlefield's tractor in the woods. Mrs. Bertha Anderson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ken. Phyllis, brought day. They also called Nam's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. family spent Sunday in Otisfield.

Mr. and Mrs. R. family were dinner and Mrs. Merritt day. This was a family. Mrs. Merritt who is leaving forces this v.

Mrs. Christine Y. daughter returned Rumford Hospital. She is spending the mother, Mrs. Laura

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## SOUTH ALBANY

Mr and Mrs Ivan Kimball and Leon Kimball attended the pictures at Bethel Saturday night. Mrs Leon Kimball has returned home after spending a few days with relatives in Bath and Auburn. Mrs Kenneth Carlson (nee Margaret Hill) and Robert Hill of the U S Navy spent the week end with Mr and Mrs John Spinney and called on friends in this locality. Newell Andrews and Mr and Mrs Roy Wardwell played for a dance at North Waterford Grange Hall Saturday night. There will be another dance held there Saturday night, December 16. Joseph Pechnik was a business visitor in South Paris Saturday.

## WEST PARIS

**Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent**  
Mr and Mrs Maurice L Hadley were given a variety shower at the Universalist Church Monday evening, December 4, in honor of their recent marriage. They received a nice variety of pretty and useful gifts.

## ALBANY TOWN HOUSE — and Vicinity

**Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent**  
Mr and Mrs Merritt Kimball and children were supper guests at Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews' Wednesday of last week.

Rev W J Bull conducted the church service Sunday P M with an attendance of 10. There were five children at Sunday School.

Mrs Sarah Andrews shot a nice deer the last week of hunting.

Mrs Bertha Andrews and Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews and children attended a birthday party at Albert McAllister's Tuesday evening.

Kendrick Scribner left to join the armed forces of the U S, Tuesday, Dec 12th.

Mr and Mrs Will McAllister Jr have moved to Denmark.

Bernard Harrington is staying at Fred Littlefield's while driving his tractor in the woods.

Mrs Bertha Andrews spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Albert Kepiston and family at Portland.

Mr and Mrs Keniston and daughter, Phyllis, brought her home Sunday. They also called at E C Lapham's.

Mr and Mrs G B Scribner and family spent Sunday with relatives in Otsfield.

Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews and family were dinner guests at Mr and Mrs Merritt Kimball's Sunday. This was a farewell party for Merritt who is leaving to join the armed forces this week.

Mrs Christine Rich and baby daughter returned home from the Rumford Hospital last week. They are spending the winter with her mother, Mrs Laura Pinkham.

## GREENWOOD CENTER

Mrs Beryl Martin has finished working in the mill at Lockes. Winnie Hanscom has returned to her home on Rowe Hill after helping Mrs Martin several weeks.

The lake has been good skating the past week. Several from Howe Hill and this community had a skating party Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Will Seames and family, Howe Hill called at D R Cole's Sunday.

Lucy Curtis, West Paris, called on Mrs Beryl Martin recently.

Mr and Mrs Lee Mills and two sons of Locke Mills were at R L Martin's Saturday afternoon and evening.

Roy and Louis Martin have been working for Roy Millet the past week at Greenwood City.

Mr Hastings of Bethel was in the place recently with Ross Martin's potatoes.

Mrs Gladys Bailey was home from South Paris for the week end.

## HANOVER

Correspondent—

Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Herbert Young has had a furnace installed in his home.

A chimney fire at the home of Frank Douglas Wednesday morning caused some excitement but no damage.

The Pythian sisters held their regular meeting Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: M E C, Amy Marston; E S Carrie French; E J, Mandy Lapham; M Selma Chapman; P, Marie Abbott; G, Daisy Warren; M of P, Blanche Worcester; M of R & C, Addie Saunders; 3rd Trustee, Mandy Lapham; Rep to Grand, Edith Howe; Pianist, Helen Barker. The next meeting will be installation, with Helen Barker installing officer. A dinner will be served by the losing side in the recently held contest.

John Forbes attended the basketball game at Bethel Friday night.

Elwood Richardson resumed work this week after being out for

some time on account of illness.

Mr and Mrs Parker Russell and Mrs H.riet Condy went to Bangor Sunday.

Mr and Mrs W C Holt and Mrs Alice Staples, Hotel Harris, Rumford were in town Friday of last week.

B J Russell's dog, Buster, was bitten Sunday by the Wilson dog, breaking his lower jaw, necessitating his going to Dr Greenleaf's, at Bethel for a 10 day treatment.

Mrs Ethelyn Shields, Rumford was a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs Isobel Croteau.

**NORTH NEWRY**

Leon Enman is working at Rumford for the highway department.

Sgt Willard Wight was at home on a short furlough Saturday night.

Mrs Albert Morton has moved her household goods to Bethel where she will live.

Mrs Helen Morton substituted at the Branch School Monday and Tuesday. The teacher, Miss Mina

Stevens, being ill.

Miss Delma Ross went to Portland to visit relatives. She will go to Ellsworth to visit her mother before returning.

Several of the boys in service have acknowledged receipt of their Christmas boxes and wish to express their thanks to friends and neighbors for same.

**ROWE HILL**

Miss Eunice Palmer was home over the week end from her work in Berlin.

Sylvia Ring and Winifred Hancome were at Locke Mills over the week end guests of Mrs Hanscom's sister, Mrs Iva Lang. They attended the dance Saturday night.

Colby Ring went to Portland over the week end to visit.

Little Colby Martin spent the past week with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Colby Ring.

Wilmer Bryant and Mrs Margaret Bryant were at Locke Mills Saturday morning.

Mrs Ray Hanscom and Sylvia

Ring went to South Paris and Norway Tuesday.

## SOUTH BETHEL

Mr and Mrs Frank Robertson were called to Waterbury, Conn last Saturday on account of the death of Mr Robertson's brother, Percy Robertson.

James Spinney was in Norway last Friday on business.

Mr and Mrs Clayton Heath of Norway called at the home of James Spinney Friday evening.

Mrs Florence Hewey has been quite sick for a few days.

**NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK**

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank and numbered 5507 has been destroyed or lost and it is desired that a new book of deposit be issued.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK  
By Fred F Bean, Treas.  
Bethel, Maine



## Native Eggs

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Medium doz. 55c

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"It's meant jobs . . . security . . . more money in our pockets and a chance to save some of it.

"Not only for workers in the plants, but for me, my husband, the milkman, the girl who sells movie tickets . . . everybody in town.

"My biggest worry is that those chimneys might STOP smoking!"

Will they stop?

Will you let the industry which has made life better for you drift away?

You know what will happen if you do—fewer jobs . . . thinner pay envelopes . . . maybe even no job.

You don't want that and neither do we.

Certainly America and the rest of the world will need many things after the shooting stops . . . things those plants can produce as they have produced the weapons of war.

We must keep our mills and factories . . . and keep them humming with peacetime production.

No one person or group can do this alone . . . you and your friends must help.

Help "sell" your community as a producer of goods.

Every one of us who shares in the fortunes of New England must take a hand—and that includes the New Haven Railroad.

It's a job for you local business men whose livelihood depends upon full employment . . . for you bankers, farmers, lawyers, doctors, school teachers, realtors, insurance agents, storekeepers, members of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and other service clubs.

It's a job for municipal officials and your representatives in the Legislatures who should keep property productive and taxes down.

It's a job for the clergyman who has the welfare of his flock at heart.

It's a job for the homeowner and his wife who want to protect their investment.

And it's very much a job for those most directly concerned—labor and management.

We of the New Haven believe in New England and in its industrial future.

No other part of America is more strategically located, has more manufacturing experience or as extensive a manufacturing establishment already in existence. No other section is nearer the great markets of the United States or has better rail, air and water facilities so vital to industry.

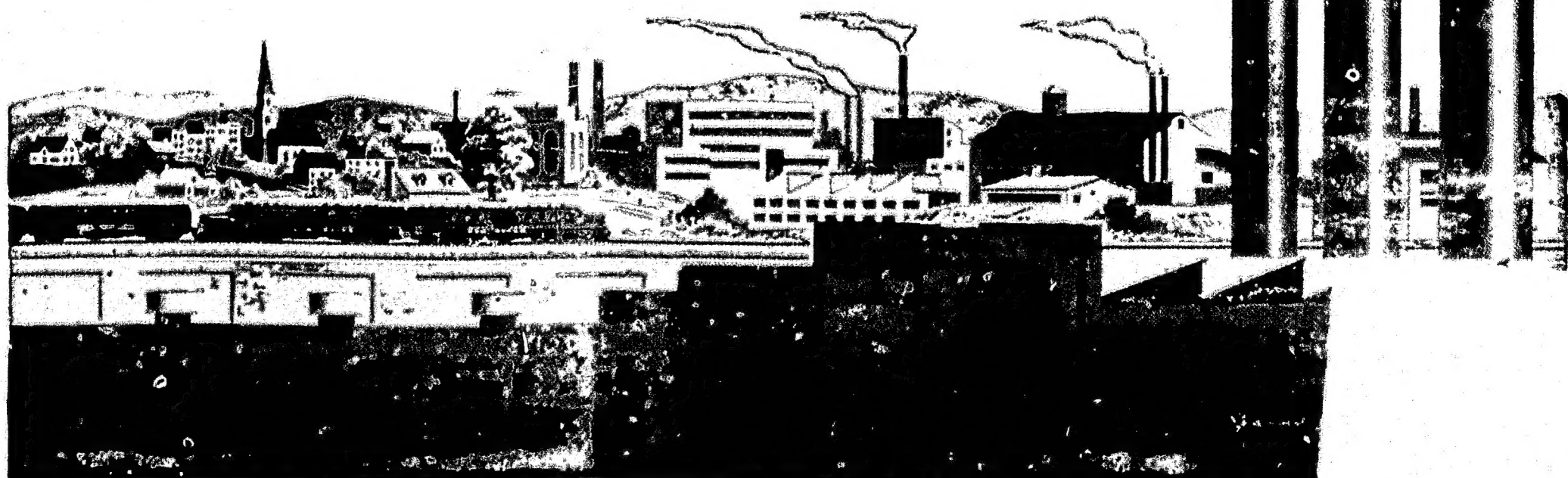
Among us—all of us—we can keep the chimneys smoking.

We will do our part.

Will you—in your own way—do yours?

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## THE AMERICAN WAY

AMERICANS  
GET BUSY

By George Peck

The National Broadcasting company, apparently under pressure from the Federal Communications Commission, has notified the Shaeffer Pen Company of Fort Madison, Iowa, that that company cannot have any further time on its network for the advertising of its products if it continues to engage Mr. Upton Close as its commentator.

Why? Because Upton Close has dared to expose the Communists during the 27 months that he has occupied his Sunday afternoon spot on the air. Evidently his radio scripts have not been "cleared with Sidney."

## STATE OF MAINE.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Twenty-first trust account for the benefit of Bertha May Davis presented for allowance by Mervyn C. Park, Trustee.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Petition for the appointment of First Portland National Bank of Portland, Maine, as Trustee to take the place of Ellery C. Park, former Trustee who has filed his resignation as such Trustee, presented by Bertha May Davis, beneficiary under said trust estate.

Annie L. Cole, late of Woodstock, deceased; Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Clarence E. Cole as executor of the same to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Clarence E. Cole, the executor therein named.

Harry H. Crockett, late of Woodstock, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Mary P. Crockett as administratrix of the estate of said deceased, without bond, presented by Mary P. Crockett, widow of deceased.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood, adult ward; Tenth account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, guardian.

Witness: Alton A. Leeward Acting Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

50 EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Register.

**USED CARS WANTED  
IN GOOD CONDITION  
O. K. CLIFFORD CO., Inc.**  
So. Paris, Maine Tel. 307

Now, without going into details on a discussion of what Upton Close has broadcast over the air, let me point out that if he has libelled anyone, any such victim has recourse to our duly constituted courts for redress. It is significant that at this writing no one has so far entered court action against Mr. Close.

As far as I can discover, Upton Close has simply exercised his American right to freedom of speech which is guaranteed to him by the Bill of Rights wherein it reads, "freedom from fear of government reprisal for what is said and what is not said." In doing this Close has aroused the ire of the Communistic and radical elements, who now seek to still his voice.

If such action can be taken against one sponsor and one commentator, it can be taken against all. It will establish a precedent that eventually will debase the American Republic to the level of a dictatorship. For if the radio is not available, equally to honest champions of the policy of whatever government may be in power, and to honest critics of that policy, then free speech on the air has failed at the moment it is most needed. If free speech on the air is destroyed, free speech in the press will not long survive. And if free speech is destroyed, then indeed liberty in America will be dead.

New York's PM makes no bones about what is to follow if this ruling against Close is not reversed. In an editorial on November 15, it said: "Disclosure of Close's dismissal comes on the heels of the announcement that the Blue (Network) is dropping Henry J. Taylor at the end of December. PM's Arnold Blom, commenting on Taylor's discharge, listed Close, Fulton Lewis and Rupert Hughes, among others, who should be thrown off the air."

This is a matter to be thoroughly aired before Congress which is the guardian of our liberties. Congress should conduct a complete investigation, regardless of who is involved. The right of free speech guaranteed by the Bill of Rights must be maintained and Congress is the properly constituted body to do that job.

Whether or not you agree with the philosophy expounded on the air by Upton Close, I urge you to contact your Congressman and your Senators, re-enter your protest against this subversive attempt to purge an American, to silence the voice of opposition and to sow the seeds of dictatorship here in America—a dictatorship such as those that millions of our gallant sons are offering up their lives to stamp out in Europe and Asia.

Let's nip this unholy thing in the bud. Get busy Americans!



"The folks sure are gonna be surprised when they see how we improved on their trimming job!"

## EQUIVALENT TO TREASON

Strikes have been such a common occurrence during the war that, unpardonable as they are, they no longer shock some people except in cases where the abuse is most glaring. A recent strike in Detroit was one of the latter. A jurisdictional dispute tied up work in 24 vital war plants. It is not hard to imagine the bitterness that this uncalled for action must have aroused in the hearts of millions, with members of their families serving in the armed forces and dependent upon the products of those Detroit plants to carry on the war. They cannot be blamed for wondering what in the world has happened to the souls of workmen who sanction these strikes, knowing full well the consequences to our fighting men.

At least in the case of this Detroit strike, a government official came forth with an unqualified condemnation. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson wired local union officials as follows: "Your strikes are stopping the flow of ammunition guns, trucks and tanks that are vitally needed at the front. Your strikes have nothing to do with wages, hours of work or working conditions and represent no honest grievances. Such conduct is equivalent to treason when it paralyzes plants making munitions that must be speeded to General Eisenhower and General MacArthur."

Of course, the strike ended—but that does not alter the fact that it happened and that production was held up.

## NOTICE

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FRED B. MERRILL, Cashier  
Bethel, Maine, November 30, 1944. 50

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Their Address .....		
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School Activities .....		
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## ASSISTANCE ASKED TO HELP ESTABLISH LOCAL RECORDS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Relatives of service men and women are asked to fill in the blank above and return to the Citizen Office. At the present time there are no local records of those in the service and this is asked in an effort to compile information which may be of great value later. Data on all persons, now or formerly in the armed forces, is desired. It is urged that all who can do so send the form in as soon as possible.

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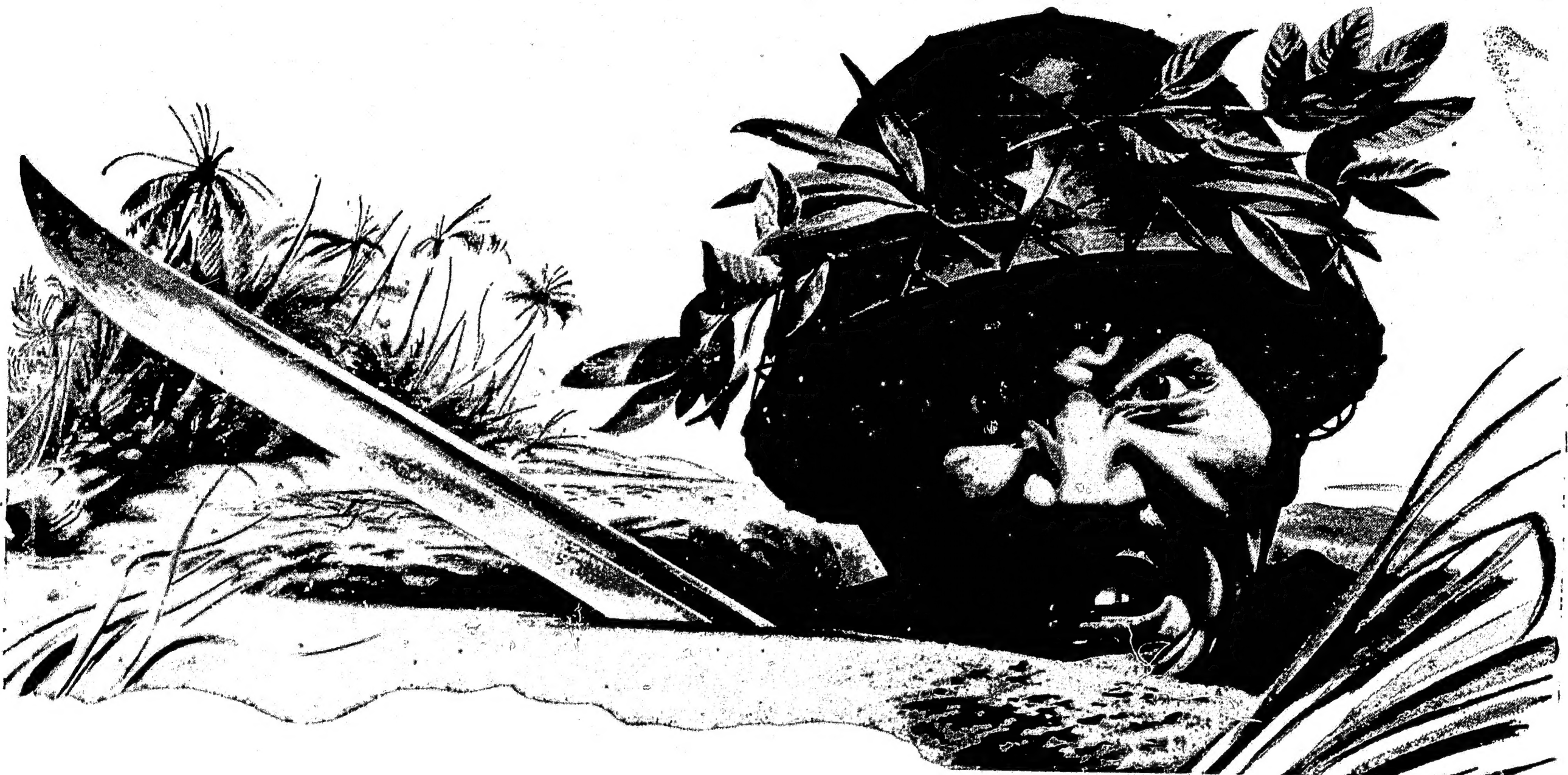
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## THE JOB IN THE PACIFIC IS STILL TERRIFIC!



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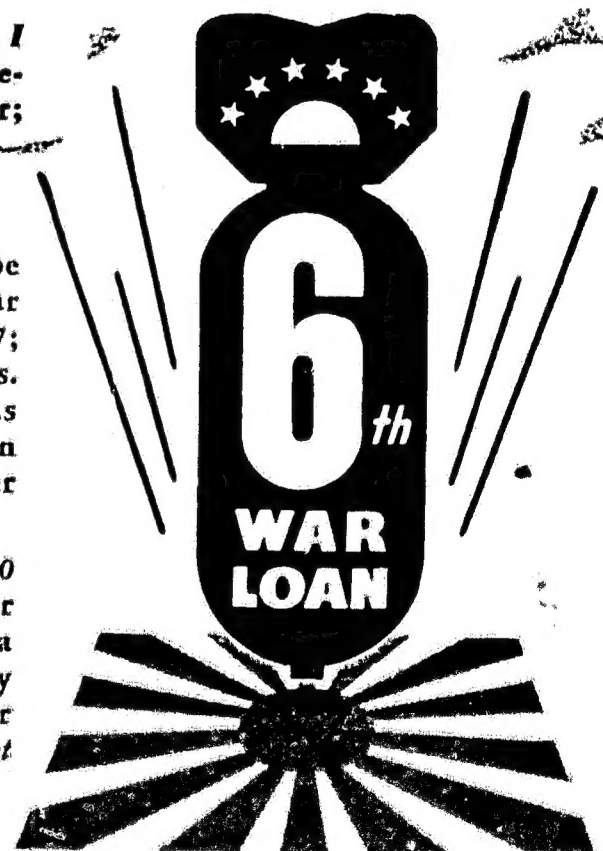
If YOU think Japan is a pushover—you're fooling yourself, mister. Millions of fanatical Japanese are prepared to die for their country. Every American soldier, marine and sailor in the Pacific knows that he has a tough fight on his hands. You can't tell them their war is over! Even as you read these words, American men are dying in the fight against Japan.

Look into your heart and ask yourself honestly: "Have I stopped fighting? Have I stopped buying War Bonds because I think the war is about over?" You're not a quitter; your answer is "No!"

It costs billions of dollars a month to fight Japan

The fight in the Pacific calls for a highly specialized type of equipment. B-29 bombers that cost \$600,000 in War Bonds; M-4 tanks with bulldozer blades that cost \$67,417; "alligators" that cost \$30,000; millions of gallons of gas. We need more and costlier equipment than any war has ever called for. And that's the reason for the 6th War Loan Drive. Just as long as a single Japanese aims a gun at our men—we must continue to buy War Bonds.

Once again you are asked to buy at least one extra \$100 War Bond. Buy more if you possibly can. Not only is it for the final Victory—it's for your future. Sign up for extra War Bonds on the Payroll Plan. Welcome the Victory Volunteer when he or she calls at your home. Remember—the job in the Pacific is still terrific. We're out to get Japan in the 6th War Loan Drive!



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Ernie Pyle's Story

### Air Crew To Make Fighter Men Desperate

(Editor's Note): This was with the GIs during taking a much needed rest.

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## Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

Air Crew Invited Jerrys  
To Make Daily Mail StopFighter Pilots Are Forgotten  
Men Despite Their Brilliant Work

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note): This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs during the air battles in French North Africa. He is currently taking a much needed rest in New Mexico.

A FORWARD AIRDRONE IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA. While bad weather stymies the ground fighting in Tunisia, the air war on both sides has been daily increasing in intensity until it has reached a really violent tempo.

Not a day passes without heavy bombing of Axis ports, vicious strafing of cities and airdromes, losses on both sides and constant watchful patrolling.

Here, at one of our airdromes, all of us can assure you that being bombed is no fun. Yet these tired, hard-working Americans jokingly decided to send a telegram to Allied headquarters asking them to arrange for the Jerrys to stop there each evening and pick up our mail.

I am living at this airdrome for a while. It can't be named, although the Germans obviously know where it is, since they call on us frequently. Furthermore, they announced quite a while ago by radio that they would destroy the place within three days.

I hadn't been here three hours till the Germans came. They arrived just at dusk. And they came arrogantly, flying low. Some of them must have regretted their audacity, for they never got home. The fire-works that met them were beautiful from the ground, but must have been hideous up where they were.

They dropped bombs on several parts of the field, but their aim was marred at the last minute. There were no direct hits on anything. Not a man was scratched, though the stories of near misses multiplied into the hundreds by the next day. One soldier who had found a bottle of wine was lying in a pup tent drinking. He never got up during the raid—just lay there cussing at the Germans.

When the raid was over he was untouched, but the tent a foot above him was riddled with shrapnel.

Another soldier made a practice of keeping a canteen hanging just above his head. That night when he went to take a drink the canteen was empty. Investigation revealed a shrapnel hole, through which the water had run out.

Another soldier had the front sight of his rifle shot off by a German machine-gun bullet.

Some of the soldiers were actually picking tiny bits of shrapnel out of their coats all the next day. Yet, as I said, not a drop of American blood was shed.

When this airdrome was first set up the soldiers dug slit trenches just deep enough to lie down in during a raid, but after each new bombing the trenches got deeper.

GIs Outdig WPA. Everybody makes fun of himself—but keeps on digging. Today some of these trenches are more than eight feet deep. I'll bet there has been more whole-hearted digging here in two weeks than WPA did in two years.

The officers don't have to hound their men. They dig with a will of their own, and with a vengeance. If we stay here long enough we'll probably have to install elevators to get to the bottom of the trenches.

After supper you see officers as well as men out digging. Each little group has its own trench design. Some are just square holes. Some form an L. Some are regulation zigzag. The ground here is dry, and the trenches don't fill up with water as they do in the coastal and mountain camps. The earth is as hard as concrete. You have to use an ax as well as a pick and shovel.

You'd love our air-raid alarm system. It consists of a dinner bell hanging from a date palm tree outside headquarters. When the radio watchers give the order the dinner bell is rung. Then the warning is carried to the far ends of the vast airdrome by centries shouting revolvers and rifles into the air. At night it sounds like a small battle. When the alarm goes the soldiers get excited and mad, too. When the Germans come over the anti-aircraft guns throw up a fantastic burst of July torrent of red tracer bullets.

## Aerial Combat Tactics Change

It is hard for a layman to understand the fine points of aerial combat as practiced at the moment in North Africa. It is hard even for the pilots themselves to keep up, for there are changes in tactics from week to week.

We will have some new idea and surprise Germans with it. Then they'll come across with a surprise maneuver, and we will have to

But to the soldiers on the ground that isn't enough, so they let loose with everything from Colt .45s up to Tommy guns.

It happens that my best flying friends in this war have been bomber men, but I wish somebody would sing a song, and a glorious one, for our fighter pilots. They are the forgotten men of our aerial war.

Not until I came up close to the African front did I realize what our fighter pilots have been through and what they are doing. Somehow or other you don't hear much about them, but they are the sponge that is absorbing the fury of the Luftwaffe over here. They are taking it and taking it and taking it. An everlasting credit should be theirs.

In England, the fighters of the RAF got the glory because of the great Battle of Britain in 1940. But in America our attention has been centered on the bombers. The spectacular success of the Flying Fortresses when they went into action made the public more bomber-conscious.

There is still rivalry between the fighters and the bombers, as there always has been. That in itself is probably a good thing. But of late it has sort of slipped out of the category of rivalry—it has developed into a feeling on the part of the fighter pilots that they are neglected and unappreciated and lacking a little more than their share on the nose. Their ratio of losses is higher than that of the bombers, and their ratio of credit is lower.

Bombers Need Fighters.

There have been exaggerations in the claims that the Fortresses can take care of themselves without fighter escort. Almost any bomber pilot will tell you that he is deeply grateful for the fighter cover he has in Africa, and that if he had to go without it he would feel like a very naked man on his way to work.

Our heavy bombers now are always escorted by Lockheed Lightnings (P-38s). It is their job to keep off German fighters and to absorb whatever deadliness the Nazis deal out.

It means longer trips than fighters ever made before. Sometimes they have to carry extra gas tanks, which they drop when the fight starts. They mix it with the enemy when they are already tired from long flying at high altitudes. And then if they get crippled they have to navigate alone all the way home.

The P-38 is a marvelous airplane, and every pilot who flies it loves it. But the very thing that makes the Lightning capable of these long trips—its size—unfits it for the type of combat it faces when it gets there.

If two Lightnings and two Messerschmitt 109s get in a fight the American is almost bound to come out the little end of the horn, because the Lightnings are heavier and less maneuverable.

The ideal work of the P-38 is as an interceptor, ground straffer, or a hit and run bomber. It would be a perfect weapon in the hands of the Germans to knock down our daylight bombers. Thank goodness they haven't got it.

Convoying bombers is monotonous work for the fighter pilot who lives on dash and vim. These boys sometimes have to sit cramped in their little seats for six hours. In a bomber you can move around, but not in a fighter.

The fighter has a big crew to do different things. The bomber pilot has everything in one. He is his own navigator, his own radio operator, his own gunner. When you are in the plane tell all the things you have to do during a fight it is no joke. That they ever have time to keep a danger eye out for German fighters is a miracle.

All our fighter pilots in North Africa have been shot down many more times than we have lost. All our fighter losses are boys. I have been climbing with a bomb on my back and waiting for the payoff. The last time I was five are boys.



## THE TAX TREE

("In his speech Mr. Roosevelt, quoting from the poem 'Trees,' told of a town in Germany which had a great forest which for 200 years had been so profitable to the community that nobody had ever had to pay any taxes."—News item.)

I think that I shall never see My taxes paid by any tree; A tree that knows the head and gross, And on the fiftenth comes across; A tree that shields me in the storm And understands that tax-blank form; Each branch a leafy helpmate gay— And every leaf a CPA.

But how I wish I had a tree: That I could count on quarterly: A tree that always could be found Each time the fiftenth came around. Botanically quite a wow With Einsteins swinging from each bough, And all cash worries dark and grim All nestled in some upper limb!

How swell indeed to have a tree— No forest (one smart tree for me); A tree that I could point to when They sent around those tax-force men.

And say "I'm busy! Get it, pest, From underneath that robin's nest!" And if for further facts you grope The woodpecker will have the dope.

But, ah, I feel I'll never see A tree that lifts the job from me. A tree that looks at Frank all day And lifts her leafy head to pray That it can understand what he Will ask in schedules B and C. A tree that may, in summer wear An addograph within its hair. . . .

Tax forms make fools of men like me— I wish that God would make that tree!

Hub! General Franco says Spain has never been a Fascist state, nor has he ever been a Fascist or Nazi sympathizer. How in the world did an idea to the contrary ever get around. . . .

The racing season in many parts of the country will soon be over and we wonder about the millions of people who jam the tracks day after day. Where do they go? What becomes of them? Do they crawl under a pile of old mullet tickets and hibernate through the winter months? . . .

It surely seems good to have an election over and get back to civilized habits and Christian behavior. . . .

"Donald Nelson Ordered Back to China to Form WPB There"—headline.

How wonderful it must seem to Donald to think back on those comparatively easy days with Sears-Roebuck! . . .

New York hotels are considering limiting the stay of any guest to five days. That's silly. It takes that long to get into an elevator. . . .

No Time to Rest

"For Sale—Bees and Hives; also rattan furniture. 631 Main, East Haven."—New Haven Register.

No thanks; we'll fight 'em standing up.

Germany Speaks. Was is los? It cannot be— Someone Is Invading ME!

Such an act Is too unusual; It's der edder Way across it.

Ach du lieber! Don't use tools! Remember the rules!

Henry Ford is making planes, a Detroit Post says. Even if we had one we would keep looking for the nose in the engine.

So many Japs are joining their ancestors these days that no reservations are being taken except a year in advance.

We assume it is over the problem of current taxes. The new war tax more "belated" a week, perhaps, and "no end thing."

It is one of our ambitions to see Washington step in and try to cure a fish market, just as the old ship ment arrived.

An air base says it will soon make flights from New York to Miami in four hours. Think of that! It's a little less time than it takes the horses to get from the paddock to the post down the road.

George Trevor says that in the Philippines you can't call it a case of too little and too little.

We understand Japan's materials have discarded canals. They don't want to see the empty fleet any sadder than necessary.

Simple, Durable Toys  
Please Child Most

Parents and relatives doing their Christmas shopping for the children should pick toys on a basis of what the toys do for the child, and not on the basis of color, design, or appearance, according to Mrs. Ruth D. Morley, extension specialist in child training at Massachusetts State college. "Toys are tools of play, that serious business of childhood," says the specialist.

"Buying toys economically means buying fewer toys, but selecting them more carefully," continues Mrs. Morley. "This means that toys should be well constructed and durable so that they will not be damaged in the hard usage of normal play. Children become attached to their toys, and enjoy using them for a long time."

"In selecting toys, it is well to consider what the child already has. Often a new toy added to a child's assortment will make the old toys more useful and more interesting. For example, if a child who already



has a set of building blocks receives a toy boat, the blocks immediately become piers, boat-houses, bridges, etc."

On the other hand, new toys can give children wholly new ideas, the specialist points out. "Children should have toys that develop both bodies and minds. They need toys to use when playing alone as well as toys to use when playing with other children."

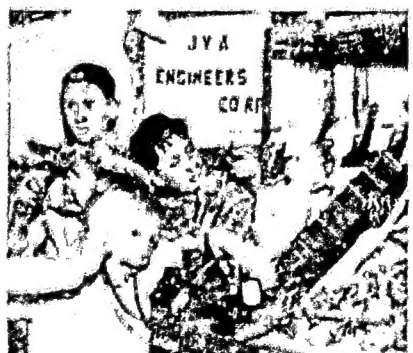
Stating that children get their first ideas of beauty from their toys and everyday surroundings, Mrs. Morley urges that these familiar materials be designed with the principles of art in mind. Although toys need not be works of art, neither do they have to be grotesque. They should be simply and tastefully colored, and be pleasing to the eye.

"Toys should give children a chance to experiment, to try out their own ideas, and develop their own skills. Some mechanical or merely ornamental toys do not do this. An elaborate mechanical toy finally bores a child, or else encourages him to abuse it by pulling it apart."

Children Are Content to  
Make Their Own Toys

Like to make toys? It is interesting to see how many different things can be made from a few scraps of wood. Because these objects are made to come apart, they may be assembled to represent different animals. By simply changing the head and tail around, as is done with the cow in the yard, the position of the animal is easily changed.

The bodies of the animals, pots, trees, and other objects are cut from a length of five-eighths inch square white pine, while the legs, neck,



tail and smaller parts are made from shavings like those which come in a can of old sawdust. These are square one-eighth inch in diameter and are cut to the length required for the particular job in hand.

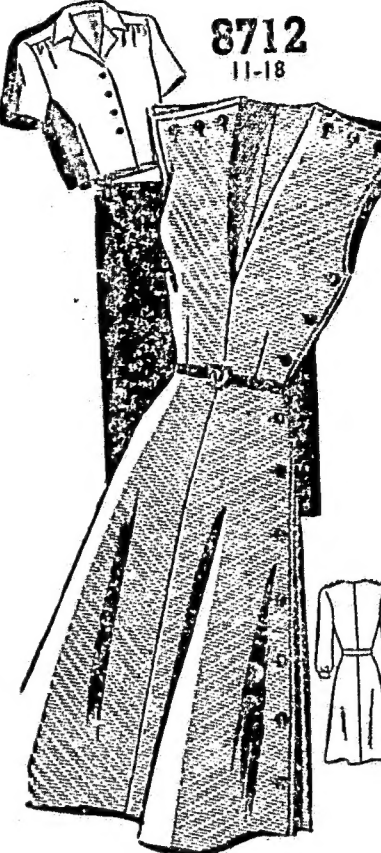
The fence posts are cut two inches long, and holes are drilled to take three sixteenths inch maple dowels. For a straight run of fence, the holes are drilled at right angles. The gate posts are drilled only half way through.

A hobby horse can be made with a brown stick, fastened to a wooden horse's head made from a box and painted. The diagram shows how that hobby horse may be made and the picture shows how it looks when completed.

## A Desert Tree

Strangest of all Christmas trees in the eastern United States is the live and leafless cactus. It, however, might be the only tree for 50 miles.

It is just a straight trunk, with or without one or more "arms" or branches, all serrated and covered with various needle-length thorns. But a few bundles of glass, some foot-long of silver and gold tinsel, red and white cotton, and the "Christmas tree of the desert" is a Christmas tree in all truth.

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1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons shortening

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2 eggs, well beaten  
2 1/2 cups sifted flour

Scald milk, add sugar, salt and shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water and add to lukewarm milk. Add eggs and flour to make a moderately stiff batter. Beat mixture. Cover and let rise in warm place, free from draft, until light, about 1 hour. Fill well-greased muffin pans half full. Cover and let rise again, about 15 minutes. Bake in moderate oven at 375° P. about 30 minutes. Makes 10.

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**WANTED**—Pair Girls' Shoe Skates, size 2 1/2 or 3, MRS. GEORGE KNEELAND, Phone 94.

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

9:45 Church School. Miss Ida Packard and Mrs. Lorton Hutchins, Superintendents.

11:00 Kindergarten Class. Mrs. Orrell H. Anderson and Miss Marlene Anderson in charge.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon Topic, "Mankind Is My Business." The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet in the Chapel at 6:30 o'clock on Sunday evening. They will leave from the Chapel in a group to sing Christmas Carols to the shut-ins.

The Varsity Glee Club of Gould Academy will present their annual Christmas concert, on Wednesday evening, December 20th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the main auditorium of West Parish Congregational Church.

The Ladies Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Elwood F. Ireland on Thursday afternoon, December 21, at 2:00 o'clock, for their Christmas party.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday night, December 23rd in the church basement at 6:30 o'clock. Following the dinner the church school members will entertain with a Special Christmas program in the chapel.

"The First Christmas Miracle," a play written by Ruth Elinor Veeder, will be presented by the members of the Year-Round Club on Sunday night, December 24th, at eight o'clock in the West Parish Congregational Church auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

### METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship Service. Sermon theme: "The Power of the Word and the Power of God."

6:30 Youth Fellowship meeting at the home of Wilma and Norma Bean. Bob Croteau and Jerry Davis will be in charge of the program.

The Eleanor Gordon Guild will have a supper meeting and Christmas party at the home of Abigail Gill on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 o'clock. There will be an exchange of 25¢ gifts.

On Wednesday, Dec. 20 the Youth Fellowship will have a party at the church, beginning at 7:00. All are asked to bring a 10¢ gift to be used for either boy or girl.

There will be a special meeting of the W. S. C. S. on Thursday afternoon Dec. 21, at the home of Mabel Greenleaf. Members are requested to bring fruit, jelly or anything suitable for the boxes for "shut-ins" which will be packed at that time.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

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The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. For he spake, and it stood fast; he commanded, and it was done;" (Psalm 33: 6, 9.)

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

## EAST BETHEL

The planning meeting of the Farm Bureau was held at the home of Mrs. Guy Bartlett Tuesday afternoon. The same officers as 1944 were elected.

Chairman—Mrs. Gladys Tyler  
Secretary—Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett

Treasurer—Mrs. Leona Curtis  
Project leaders: Clothing, Mrs. Floribel Haines; Foods, Mrs. Bernice Noyes; Home Management, Mrs. Edith Howe.

Christmas suggestions and gifts were exchanged.

Tuesday evening Mr. Leonard, County Agent, conducted a meeting at the Grange Hall on Farm Income tax. There was a good attendance.

Richard Tyler enjoyed a week end at home from Fort Devens. Mrs. Carrie Bartlett and Irwin Farrar are ill and under doctor's care.

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club held its third meeting at the home of Mrs. Leslie Noyes Saturday afternoon with 10 members present. Only three were absent. Mrs. Howe taught them how to measure accurately, after which toast was made and as each member brought a slice of bread all enjoyed cinnamon toast.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe were in Portland Wednesday. Mr. Howe drove Mr. Hastings' truck with a load of potatoes. Mr. Hastings has been hauling several loads a week from his own cellar and also from O. B. Farwell's.

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## BRYANT POND

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan and children, Arlene and Kenneth Swan and Miss Helen Noyes were in Lewiston Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Farnum, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farnum and family were in Rumford Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ida Farnum and Mrs. Gordon Farnum were in Berlin one day last week.

Fred M. Cole is recovering from an attack of bronchial trouble.

Mrs. Robert Farrington has been ill the past week with the flu. She has received word that her husband, Corp Robert Farrington, is stationed somewhere in England.

## UPTON

Mrs. Fred S. Judkins has returned to her home in Bryant Pond.

Mrs. Selma J. Sanborn celebrated her 81st birthday last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Angevine and children were in Bethel Saturday afternoon to see Avery and Ernest Angevine before they go overseas.

Mrs. Roland Bernier and two children are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Judkins until after Christmas.

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Gowns of crepe, flannel or rayon in rose, blue and glamorous black. Regular and extra sizes.

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Junior Miss Slips. Sizes 11 to 17. White and tea rose.

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Slips of satin or rayon crepe, white, tea rose or black—some with built-up shoulder.

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Team Work

Whom does your representative represent? This is a fair question, moreover, not it sounds. He is supposed to represent you and a few thousand people in your county, but does he know how to go about it? he know what the people think about questions help decide?

Of course congressmen plenty of people to tell to do. Lobbyists and press are always on hand. When a congressman is appointed to a committee, he can one thing: a line will be left outside his door; people to tell him which side of the building, show him very startled, shout scare-words and/or shed tears or

Such lines are made up of anxious people, very much that form in cafeterias or office windows. Usually present whom you know want to see. But when they occur, when somebody's home falls in line at a man's door, he gets admitted representative's own privilege. Why? The congressman see him.

Representatives are elected to Washington to represent people back home. I know of them and, all told, I have a great many. Every one knew wanted sincerely to know them well. They were smart but there was not a mind-bunch. They couldn't Washington and have a very idea what the electors expect them.

The Right Approach In a few words, the average congressman gets plenty of advice to him and very little comes from the right place. Instances when somebody wires him from back home the sage represents one man's perhaps impassioned judgment other times when messages of big bunches they plainly read—written by one signed by many.

People who know how to vote crowded streets and build homes in layers, sometimes facelious references to Arkansas down here we are doing some to help congress. Just Thanksgiving a group of six important men of Batesville and about held a meeting to consider some national legislation soon considered by their representatives. At the end of the meeting mailed him their opinion accompanied by a list of persons present.

BETHEL RESTAURANT WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY